

House Resolution No. 4138

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and proud to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to recognize milestone events in the lives of Missouri residents, particularly those effecting this great state's public servants; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Jack Brown, who retired from the City of St. Joseph (Missouri) Fire Department on July 7, 2008, after thirty-eight years of loyal and dedicated service as Fire Chief; and

Whereas, through his career, Jack Brown responded to every conceivable emergency situation including a multi-alarm fires, vehicle extrications, and medical and hazardous materials emergencies; and

Whereas, Jack Brown spent more than one third of his career as the officer-in-charge, first holding the position of Battalion Chief, on Snorkel 1 as Driver, and then as Captain, prior to being named Fire Chief; and

Whereas, Jack Brown's last firefighting assignment was a multi-alarm fire just days before his retirement in St. Joseph's downtown district; and

Whereas, Jack Brown served as Fire Chief for more than eight years, and he prided himself on staying in touch with his firefighters, visiting a different station every morning; and

Whereas, having spent his entire career with the St. Joseph Fire Department and having come up through the ranks, Jack Brown was dedicated to improving the conditions of the stations and equipment; and

Whereas, Jack Brown is an avid racing fan and race-car driver who still plays baseball, and he is a member of the St. Joseph Fire Museum and was a member of Firefighters Local 77 before becoming Fire Chief and has since rejoined; and

Whereas, Jack Brown is the beloved husband of Jill "Penny", and they are the devoted parents of Michelle Mason and her husband, Bret; Shona Kirkwood and her husband, Kraig; Laura Lake; and Brian Brown and his wife, Jennifer; and the loving grandparents of ten grandchildren, Paige, Morgan and Jordan, Kasi, Kayli and Kodi and Kaden, Taylor, and Tyler and Bryson:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere gratitude and admiration to Jack Brown on the occasion of his retirement, with full appreciation of the sacrifices he has made in the service of public safety; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jack Brown.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Wildberger
District No. 27

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4138, adopted September 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker